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The House met at 10:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. Evans).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

> WASHINGTON, DC, March 29, 2021.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DWIGHT EVANS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this

NANCY PELOSI. $Speaker\ of\ the\ House\ of\ Representatives.$

PRAYER

Reverend Alisa Lasater Wailoo, Capitol Hill United Methodist Church, Washington, D.C., offered the following

Listening Lord, what a privilege it is to carry everything, everything to You in prayer.

Oh, how easy it is to allow these prayers to feel pro forma. In the stillness, help us hear You call us by name, not first as Member, staffer, clerk, lobbyist, unpaid activist, or any earthly title, but rather, as Your beloved child.

Share with us, God, both about our own hopes, dreams, trials or tribulations, and the work You have for us today. Speak to any trauma, be that from individual pains or the insurrection through which this whole House suffered together. Empower us to be trustworthy companions to anyone struggling, those in our own office, in our home, around our district, and across the aisle.

In this pro forma prayer, open us to real conversation with You, both now and throughout this congressional session so that we, like You, on that first Passover, might hear the cries of Your people, and like Jesus at the cross, may bear one another's burdens.

Amen and amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God. indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bill was signed by Speaker pro tempore Connolly on Friday, March 26,

H.R. 1651, to amend the CARES Act to extend the sunset for the definition of a small business debtor, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILLS APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT

The President notified the Clerk of the House that on the following dates he had approved and signed bills of the following titles:

January 22, 2021:

H.R. 335. An Act to provide for an exception to a limitation against appointment of persons as Secretary of Defense within seven years of relief from active duty as a regular commissioned officer of the Armed Forces

March 11, 2021:

H.R. 1319. An Act to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of S. Con. Res. 5.

March 24, 2021:

H.R. 1276. An Act to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish COVID- 19 vaccines to certain individuals, and for other purposes.

SENATE BILL APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT

The President notified the Clerk of the House that on the following date he had approved and signed a bill of the Senate of the following title:

March 23, 2021:

S. 579. An Act to make a technical correction to the ALS Disability Insurance Access Act of 2019.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Cheryl L. Johnson, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker pro tempore, Mr. CONNOLLY, on Friday, March 26, 2021:

H.R. 1651. An act to amend the CARES Act to extend the sunset for the definition of a small business debtor, and for other pur-

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(b) of House Resolution 188, the House stands adjourned until 9 a.m. on Thursday, April 1, 2021.

Thereupon (at 10 o'clock and 33 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Thursday, April 1, 2021, at 9 a.m.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

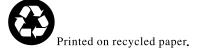
[Omitted from the Record of March 26, 2021]

By Mr. STEUBE (for himself, Mr. GOODEN of Texas, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. Babin, Mr. Baird, Ms. Herrell, and Mr. HICE of Georgia:

H.R. 2273. A bill to direct the President, in consultation with the Secretary of the

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Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.



Treasury, to develop and carry out a strategy to seek reimbursement from the People's Republic of China of funds made available by the United States Government to address the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Ms. BASS (for herself and Mr. TRONE):

H.R. 2274. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to improve education opportunities for physician assistants, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Ms. BROWNLEY:

H.R. 2275. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the exclusion from gross income of discharge of qualified principal residence indebtedness; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. BROWNLEY:

H.R. 2276. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the deduction for mortgage insurance premiums; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. CICILLINE:

H.R. 2277. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to require a Federal court to consider certain factors in imposing a sentence on a caretaker, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CONNOLLY (for himself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, and Mr. BEYER):

H.R. 2278. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to designate the September 11th National Memorial Trail, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources

By Ms. KAPTUR (for herself, Mr. RYAN, Ms. STEVENS, Mr. FITZPATRICK, and Mr. FLEISCHMANN).

H.R. 2279. A bill to establish the Office of Manufacturing and Industrial Innovation Policy and strategic national manufacturing policy for the United States, to provide manufacturing and industrial perspective and advice to the President, to provide for a comprehensive survey and cross administration management of efforts to ensure global leadership in manufacturing critical to the longterm economic health and national security of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Science, Space, and Technology, and Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. KELLY of Illinois (for herself, Mrs. McBath, Mr. Horsford, Ms. Norton, Mr. Moulton, Ms. Pressley, Mr. Evans, Mrs. Beatty, and Mr. Quigley):

H.R. 2280. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to combat straw purchases of firearms and deter firearms trafficking; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KILMER (for himself, Mrs. Rod-GERS of Washington, and Mr. Bost):

H.R. 2281. A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the United States Army Dust Off crews of the Vietnam War, collectively, in recognition of their extraordinary heroism and life-saving actions in Vietnam; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. LEE of California (for herself, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mrs. KIRKPATRICK, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Mr. CARSON, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. NORTON, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. GALLEGO, Mr. CASE, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, and Mr. BLUMENAUER):

H.R. 2282. A bill to repeal certain impediments to the administration of the firearms laws: to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. MENG (for herself, Mrs. BEATTY, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Ms. BUSH, Mr. CARSON, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Mr. Correa, Mr. Danny K. DAVIS of Illinois. Ms. DELBENE. Ms. Eshoo, Mr. Espaillat, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. Hastings, Ms. Jacobs of California, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. JOHNson of Georgia, Mr. Jones, Mr. KHANNA. Mr.KILMER. Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHI, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. Lieu, Mrs. Carolyn B. MALONEY of New York, Ms. MATSUI, Ms. McCollum, Mr. Meeks, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. NADLER, Mrs. NAPOLI-TANO, Ms. NORTON, Ms. OCASIO-COR-TEZ, Ms. OMAR, Mr. RASKIN, Ms. ROY-BAL-ALLARD, Mr. RUSH, Mr. SAN NICO-LAS, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SUOZZI, TAKANO, Mr. TORRES of New York, Mrs. TRAHAN, Mr. TRONE, and Ms. Velázquez):

H.R. 2283. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Education to award grants to eligible entities to carry out educational programs that include the history of peoples of Asian and Pacific Islander descent in the settling and founding of America, the social, economic, and political environments that led to the development of discriminatory laws targeting Asians and Pacific Islanders and their relation to current events, and the impact and contributions of Asian Americans to the development and enhancement of American life, United States history, literature, the economy, politics, body of laws, and culture, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. MOONEY:

H.R. 2284. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify that gain or loss on the sale or exchange of certain coins or bullion is exempt from recognition; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. NORTON (for herself, Mr. Con-NOLLY, Mr. BEYER, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. TRONE):

H.R. 2285. A bill to require the Federal Aviation Administration to implement a Government Accountability Office recommendation relating to helicopter noise in the Washington, DC area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. PASCRELL:

H.R. 2266. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat property transferred by gift or at death as sold for fair market value, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. PRESSLEY:

H.R. 2287. A bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to carry out a grant program to support efforts to provide fare-free transit service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. RUPPERSBERGER (for himself, Mr. Stivers, Mr. Garamendi, Mr. Zeldin, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Barr, Mrs. Beatty, Ms. Sewell, Ms. Brownley, Ms. Norton, Mr. Blumenauer, Mrs. Axne, Mr. Garbarino, Mr. Kildee, Mr. McGovern, Mr. Cuellar, Ms. Stevens, Mr. Connolly, Ms. Chu, Mr. Panetta, Mr. Kilmer, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Upton, and Mr. Kustoffe):

H.R. 2288. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reinstate advance refunding bonds; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. SCHNEIDER (for himself, Mr. Lahood, Mr. Bishop of Georgia, Mr. Blumenauer, Ms. Bonamici, Mr. Crawford, Mr. Rodney Davis of Illinois, Mr. Gohmert, Mr. Payne, Ms. Sewell, Mrs. Walorski, and Mr. Weber of Texas):

H.R. 2289. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax credit to encourage the replacement or modernization of inefficient, outdated freight railcars, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. STAUBER (for himself, Mr. LUETKEMEYER, Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas, Mr. HAGEDORN, Mr. MEUSER, Mr. GARBARINO, Mrs. KIM of California, Mr. DONALDS, Mr. FITZ-GERALD, Ms. SALAZAR, Ms. TENNEY, and Ms. VAN DUVNE):

H.R. 2290. A bill to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to submit a report on the impact of COVID-19 restrictions on small business concerns, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mr. THOMPSON of California (for himself and Mr. ESTES):

H.R. 2291. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the publicly traded partnership ownership structure to energy power generation projects and transportation fuels, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. TORRES of California (for herself, Mr. Takano, Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. Napolitano, Mr. Vela, Ms. Norton, Mr. Hastings, Ms. Lee of California, Mrs. Watson Coleman, Mr. Cohen, Ms. McCollum, Mr. García of Illinois, Mrs. Beatty, Ms. Wilson of Florida, Ms. Titus, and Mr. Levin of California):

H.R. 2292. A bill to amend the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 to authorize use of amounts under the Troubled Assets Relief Program to be used for assistance under the Housing Trust Fund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHI (for himself and Ms. Eshoo):

H.J. Res. 37. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services relating to "Securing Updated and Necessary Statutory Evaluations Timely"; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

By Ms. WEXTON (for herself, Ms. Newman, Ms. Jayapal, Ms. Titus, Mrs. Carolyn B. Maloney of New York, Mr. Grijalva, Mr. Moulton, Mr. Pocan, Ms. Norton, Mr. Pappas, Ms. Scanlon, Mr. Lowenthal, Mr. Cicilline, Mr. Takano, and Mr. Sean Patrick Maloney of New York):

H. Con. Res. 26. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of International Transgender Day of Visibility; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. LAWRENCE (for herself, Ms. Speier, Ms. Dean, and Mrs. Demings):

H. Res. 284. A resolution affirming that all men and women are created equal; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers